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Bureau of Industry and Security
Washington, DC 20230

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Via electronic mail: csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org

BIS Tracking Number: BIS 18-127
FOIAonline Number: DOC-BIS-2018-002190

Dear Mr. Saeger:

This is in response to your July 20, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, request to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) for "copies of all correspondence, including but not limited to letters, texts, emails, and faxes, sent by or to Director of Individual Base Studies Brad Botwin or Director of the Office of Technology Evaluation Gerard Horner, containing any of the following keywords since January 19, 2017: uranium, Andrew Wheeler, Mary Bono, Faegre Baker Daniels, @FaegreBD.com, @energyfuels.com, Energy Fuels, EFL, Chalmers, Goranson, Frydenlund, Curtis Moore, Barrasso."

BIS has completed its review and located 190 pages of responsive records to your request. We determined that 94 pages are being released in part under FOIA Exemption (b)(6) based on privacy act information and 96 pages being withheld in full under FOIA Exemptions (b)(4) based on company confidential and financial information and (b)(5) based on inter-agency and intra-agency documents that are both pre-decisional and deliberative.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact the Bureau's FOIA Public Liaison:

Grace Agyekum
Bureau of Industry and Security
Office of Planning, Evaluation and Management
1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 6622
Washington, DC 20230
telephone at (202) 482-7893
email at grace.agyekum@bis.doc.gov

Please refer to your FOIA request tracking number when contacting us.



In addition, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
e-mail at ogis@nara.gov
telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448
facsimile at 202-741-5769

You have the right to appeal this partial denial of your FOIA request. An appeal must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this response letter. Address your appeal to the following office:

Assistant General Counsel for Employment, Litigation and Information
U.S. Department of Commerce
Office of the General Counsel, Room 5896
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

An appeal may also be sent by e-mail to FOIAAppeals@doc.gov or by FOIAonline, if you have an account in FOIAonline, at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home#>. The appeal should include a copy of the original request and initial denial, if any. All appeals should include a statement of the reasons why the records requested should be made available and why the adverse determination was in error.

The appeal letter, the envelope, and the e-mail subject line should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." The e-mail, FOIAonline, and office mail are monitored only on working days during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday). FOIA appeals posted to the e-mail box, FOIAonline, or the office after normal business hours will be deemed received on the next normal business day. If the 90th calendar day for submitting an appeal falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal public holiday, an appeal received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, the next business day will be deemed timely.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

Michael T. Anderson
Acting Chief Financial Officer and
Director of Administration

Attachment(s)